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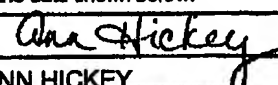
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Sir:

In response to the final rejection of all claims contained in the Office Communication mailed January 19, 2007, Applicants respectfully request reconsider in view of the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 9-26 remain in the application. All of the claims are finally rejected under Section 103 based on new art of record Azieres et al. (U.S. 6,646,564) in view of Cravo de Almeida et al. (U.S. Pub. No. 2002/0169871).

Previously, the Examiner rejected all of the claims under Section 102 based on Azieres et al. In response, the applicant amended the claims to fully distinguish over this prior art. The examiner has now applied Section 103 to reject the claims based on the new combination of